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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

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INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

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SUBJ: JORGE JARDIM FLEES PORTUGAL; PROMISES TO RETURN
TO MOZAMBIQUE

REF: LISBON 2409

1. APPARENTLY DEFYING AN ORDER PROHIBITING HIM FROM LEAVING
PORTUGAL, JORGE JARDIM ARRIVED JUNE 13 IN MADRID ENROUTE
TO PARIS, ACCORDING TO LISBON PRESS JUNE 17. JARDIM
REPORTEDLY TOLD SPANISH PRESS THAT HE HAD SPENT PREVIOUS
THREE WEEKS IN MALAWI EMBASSY IN LISBON OUT OF FEAR OF
ARREST WERE HE TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC.

2. JARDIM SAID HE IS IN AGREEMENT WITH PRINCIPLES
BEHIND ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT BUT NOT WITH MANNER IN
WHICH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IS DEALING WITH DECOLONIZATION
PROBLEM. SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW FOREIGN MINISTER
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SOARES HAD RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE WITH FRELIMO. JARDIM SAID

SOARES HAD NEVER BEEN IN MOZAMBIQUE AND THAT POPULATION
THERE IS AFRAID OUTSIDERS WILL DECIDE THEIR FUTURE. JARDIM
PROPOSED AN INDEPENDENT MULTI-RACIAL MOZABIQUE, WITH
GENERAL ELECTIONS TO DECIDE TERRITORY'S FUTURE.

3. JARDIM DECLARED HE WOULD RETURN TO MOZAMBIQUE POSSIBLY
WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS, VIA PARIS, LONDON AND BLANTYRE. HE
PREDICTED PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT
COURAGE TO ARREST HIM ON HIS RETURN.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW HOW JARDIM MANAGED TO LEAVE
PORTUGAL, BUT WE DO NOT RULE OUT HIGH-LEVEL ACQUIESCENCE
IN HIS DEPARTURE. IF SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT HE WILL
BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT HIS PREDICTION OF RETURNING TO
MOZAMBIQUE, BUT HE HAS PROVED TO BE HIGHLY RESOURCEFUL
IN THE PAST AND FOR THAT REASON CANNOT BE COMPLETELY COUNTED OUT.
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